

**Roadside Beauty.**

There is nothing that gives a passerby a poorer opinion of a farm than a roadside front encumbered with a weed and scrub nursery. On many a farm which is otherwise comparatively clean, the roadside is allowed to furnish weed seeds enough annually to keep up the supply of brow sweatings for the next season. Even where there is some effort to keep the roadside clean it is common to let the whole growth remain until fall, when the weed seeds are ripe and then have a cleaning up which accomplishes little good. In traveling through Northern Indiana we were struck with the beautiful sod on each side of the railroad line and inside of the railroad fences. The grass and weeds were carefully mowed more than once during the season and there was, late in the fall, a sod of emerald green which made a strong contrast with the brown and closely grazed fields on the farms alongside. It takes little work, if done at the right time, to keep the roadside in front of one's farm neat and showing only a clean sod instead of bushes and weeds. The front of thousands of farms in all parts of the country shows a growth of bushes that hide the fields beyond and give a neglected appearance to the whole place. Now is the time to get at these things. Grub the whole front carefully, and determine that next season the growth shall be kept down. As the young sprouts appear in spring, it will take but a little while with the scythe to clip them off, and a regular clipping with the scythe will do more towards banishing the bushes than any grubbing that is done but once a year. Where the no-fence law is in operation it is easy to keep the roadside clean with the mowing machine, and every farmer who takes any pride in the appearance of his place will see to this. There is a money value in neatness, for if two places side by side are offered for sale, one neat and clean and the other bordered with bushes and weeds, the clean farm will bring more money per acre by reason of its appearance. Then if we add to this some beauty in the planting of the front and the approach to the house with a well-kept drive and a beautiful lawn, we will be adding dollars to the salable value of the farm at a small cost.—Practical Farmer.

**Beware of Far-away Investments.**

With the experience of the last five years with fake mining companies and oil schemes, it seems strange that any of our readers would be taken in by some of the new Cuban companies, whose stock is now being floated; but our information indicates that this is the case. Thousands and thousands of dollars have been sent out of the State of Iowa to be invested in mining schemes in the West and oil schemes in the South, and we venture to say that for every thousand dollars thus invested not fifty cents has been returned to the investor. A gentleman who is in a position to know remarked to us last fall that as

near as he could estimate over half a million dollars had been invested by Des Moines people in Western mines, or, rather, in Western mining companies which owned a prospect for mines, and that with one exception the investors had failed to realize anything. In this exception the investor made some money, but on re-investing it on another proposition of the same sort lost it. We are not in a position to know whether this statement is correct, but we believe it to be.

In every county in the State there are one or more farmers who have invested all the way from twenty to a thousand dollars or more in mining companies. When oil was found in Texas a lot of wildcat companies were organized and the stock floated through the daily, and, we regret to say, some cases through the agricultural press, and the sorry experience of those who invested in Western mines did not seem to deter them from throwing good money after bad by going into some of the Texas oil companies.

Now we have the Cuban and Philippine companies. Many people have a hazy idea that there are immense fortunes to be made in these new possessions, and when a smooth agent comes along and explains how the company which he represents has secured for a song options on immensely valuable tracts of land and is raising money to enable it to take advantage of these options, the temptation for some is too strong to be resisted. If our readers are wise, they will absolutely refuse to invest a nickel in any proposition of this kind. The chances that they will win are not one in a thousand. It is the same old game in a new guise.

On most farms there are plenty of places where surplus capital can be invested to advantage, and where the money invested will not only produce good interest but add to the value of the entire farm. For example, tile drains, where needed; woven wire fences, making the farm hog-tight; a water system in the house; a new kitchen range; and a washing machine; better building, etc., etc. Put your surplus money where you can find it, and where you and yours will get the benefit of it.—Wallace's Farmer.

Seven white men were convicted in Danville, Va., of being members of a mob that attempted to lynch a negro at Danville several weeks ago. They were sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 each and to serve one day in jail. They were placed in jail with the same negro they attempted to lynch.

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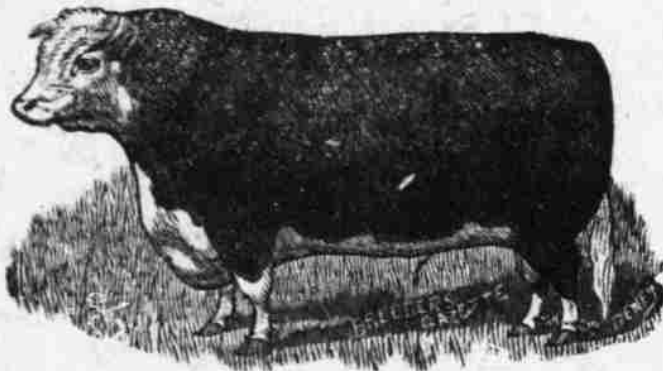
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